Headquarters

EMPLOYEE BULLETIN

24 August 1972

VOLUNTARY INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION

- 1. The Office of Medical Services, as in past years, will ad- STATINTL minister immunizations against influenza. The first immunizations are expected to be given during the week of 18 September 1972; the second round is planned for the week of 6 November 1972. Schedules for immunizations will be arranged and employees will be advised by their administrative officers of the time and place to report. Immunizations will be given on a voluntary basis and without cost to the employee. The program is for employees only and cannot be extended to dependents.
- The vaccine to be administered this year is different from that available in 1971. The vaccine has been reformulated, as recommended by the United States Public Health Service, and is considered to be more effective against both type A and type B influenza viruses. Employees who have received one or more doses of vaccine since 1968 will require only a single booster dose of the new 1972 vaccine. All other employees should receive the new 1972 vaccine in two inoculations, preferably six to eight weeks apart.
- Because influenza vaccine is grown in eggs, anyone who is allergic to eggs, chickens, or chicken feathers, or has experienced an allergic reaction (asthma, hives, etc.) to a previous inoculation of an egg-grown vaccine, should consult his personal physician before receiving an influenza immunization. A form for certifying freedom from egg allergies will be completed and presented by the employee at the time of immunization.
- 4. The Director of Medical Services recommends immunization as a protection against influenza, especially for employees with heart, lung, or kidney deficiencies, for those with chronic disorders, and for older age groups.

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